

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize blues legend B.B. King, who will be performing at the Ameristar Hotel and Casino in Kansas City, on Saturday, March 31, 2007, the latest of many performances in Missouri in recent years; and

**Whereas**, a native of Mississippi, B.B. King has defined the blues for a worldwide audience for more than half a century, releasing more than fifty albums including four gold albums, two platinum albums, and one multi-platinum album; and

**Whereas**, B.B. King mixes traditional blues, jazz, swing, mainstream pop and jump into his own unique sound, developing one of the world's most identifiable guitar styles featuring delicate single string runs punctuated by loud chords, subtle vibratos, and "bent" notes; and

**Whereas**, B.B. King has been inducted into Halls of Fame (Blues Foundation, Rock & Roll, Performance Magazine, and NAACP Image Awards); received several Lifetime Achievement Awards (Grammy Awards, Songwriters' Hall of Fame, Orville H. Gibson/Gibson Guitar, Blues Foundation, MOBO Awards, and Congress of Racial Equality); and has been featured on many Walks of Fame (Rock Walk, Amsterdam Walk of Fame, and Hollywood Walk of Fame); and

**Whereas**, B.B. King's R&B Chart-topping hits include "Three O'Clock Blues", "You Don't Know Me", "Please Love Me", "You Upset Me Baby", "Sweet Sixteen, Part I", and his most popular crossover hit, "The Thrill Is Gone", which reached #15 on the Top-40 Chart in 1970; and

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to B. B. King for his lasting contributions to the music industry, and in welcoming him to the State of Missouri; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the great B.B. King, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Craig Bland  
District No. 43

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker